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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members are advised that 2 minutes remain in this vote.

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So the concurrent resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 176, I was attending to official business in my Congressional District, and I missed the vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

ANNOUNCEMENT BY COMMITTEE ON RULES REGARDING AMEND-MENTS TO H.R. 4200, NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005

(Mr. DREIER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, the Committee on Rules may meet the week of May 17 to grant a rule which could limit the amendment process for floor consideration of H.R. 4200, the National Defense Authorization Act For Fiscal Year 2005. The Committee on Armed Services ordered the bill reported yesterday, May 12, and is expected to file its report in the House tomorrow, May 14.

Any Member wishing to offer an amendment should submit 55 copies of the amendment and one copy of a brief explanation of the amendment to the Committee on Rules in Room H–312 of the Capitol by 5 p.m. on Monday, May 17

Members should draft their amendments to the text of the bill as reported by the Committee on Armed Services which should be available tomorrow for their review on the Web site of both the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Rules.

Members should use the Office of Legislative Counsel to ensure that their amendments are drafted in the most appropriate format. Members are also advised to check with the Office of the Parliamentarian to be certain their amendments comply with the rules of the House.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

(Mr. HOYER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the distinguished majority leader for the purposes of informing us of the schedule for the week to come.

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Maryland for yielding to me.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to make all the Members aware that the House has completed voting for the day and the week.

Regarding next week's schedule, the House will convene on Monday at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour and 2 p.m. for legislative business. We will consider several measures under suspension of the rules. A final list of those bills will be sent to Members' offices by the end of this week. Any votes called on these measures will be rolled until 6:30 p.m.

For Tuesday and the balance of the week, we may consider additional legislation under suspension of the rules. We also plan to consider several bills that would amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970: H.R. 2728, the Small Business Day in Court Act; H.R. 2729, the Review Commission Efficiency Act; H.R. 2730, the Independent Review of OSHA Citations Act; and H.R. 2731, the Small Employer Access to Justice Act. In addition, we expect to consider H.R. 2432, the Paperwork and Regulatory Improvements Act; and H.R. 4200, the National Defense Authorization Act For Fiscal Year 2005.

Finally, I would like to make all Members aware that we plan to consider H.R. 4359, the Child Credit Preservation and Expansion Act, which would make the full \$1,000 per child credit permanent and expand the number of families eligible for the credit.

I will be happy to answer any questions the gentleman may have.

Mr. HOYER. On the last issue, the Child Credit Preservation and Expansion Act to which the gentleman referred, and he indicates that it will expand the number of families eligible for the credit, we had discussed this last week. Am I correct in presuming that that means that those under \$26,000 will be covered as well as those over \$26,000. As was the case with the Senate amendment that came over to the House?

Mr. DELAY. I really hesitate to comment on what the content of the bill will be as we bring it to the floor next week. My understanding, as I have been advised, is the child tax credit that was to be given in 2006 will be accelerated to 2005, so that should cover the gentleman's concerns.

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Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, reclaiming my time, if it does we will be pleased, and I presume the Senate would be ready to approve that, assuming that it is paid for.

Under the procedures of these bills, in terms of the OSHA legislation and the paperwork reduction, can the gentleman tell us under what procedures they will be considered, and will substitute amendments be allowed?

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. HOYER. I yield to the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the gentleman's yielding.

The chairman of the Committee on Rules has just made announcements for the four OSHA bills, the regulatory accounting bill, and I believe the DOD authorization bill. So on these I believe the Committee on Rules is inclined to make multiple amendments in order for those bills.

Mr. HOYER. I am sorry. Declined or inclined?

Mr. DELAY. Inclined.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman. I was not quite sure whether it was an "in" or a "de."

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, will the House be in order? The gentleman cannot hear.

Mr. HOYER. The articulation I missed. That was the problem.

With respect to the budget, do we expect to see a budget next week? It is not on the list, and I know we have been waiting with bated breath for many weeks now for the budget, as has the leader. Can the leader comment on the status of the budget?

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. HOYER. I yield to the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I know the gentleman has been waiting with bated breath, and I know he checks every day to see the status of the budget, and I appreciate his concern for getting this budget to the floor. I wish I had more news than I did last week. There continues to be discussions between the two bodies, and I hope and expect to have a conference report ready for the House to consider sometime next week.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for that information. Clearly, all of us know that the pay-asyou-go provision has been apparently the stumbling block in the reaching of an agreement between the two Houses. There was, as I understand it, our expectation was that there would be a freestanding bill coming to the floor on the pay-go issue. Can the leader tell us whether that is still contemplated or whether we might see that at any time in the near future?

I yield to the gentleman.

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the gentleman's yielding. Yes, we do have a bill that was marked up in the Committee on the Budget that we are looking forward to considering in